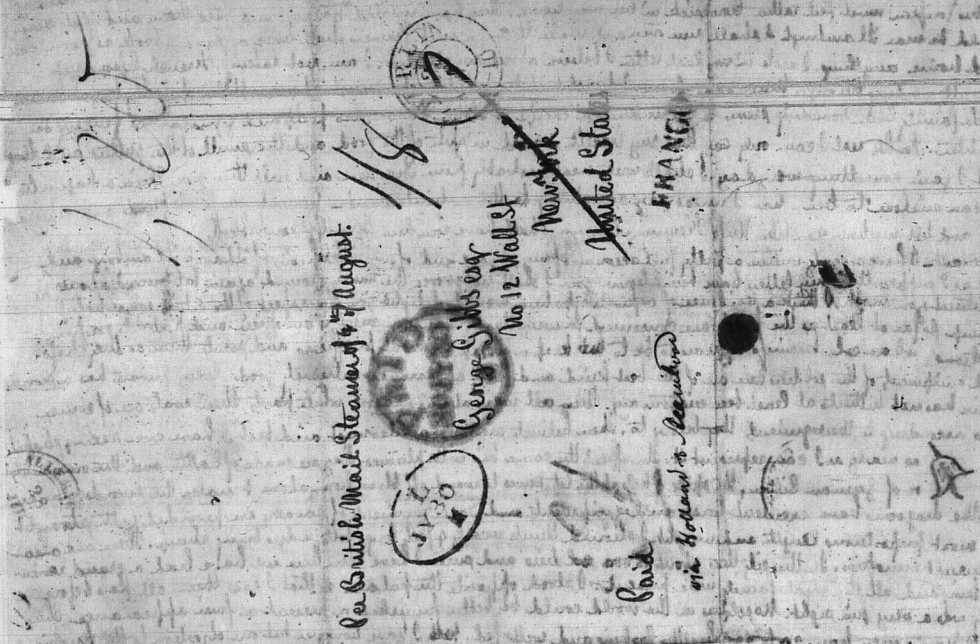
— which is more than [illegible]
the Major has erected a [illegible] gyan [illegible]
point. Lama says that Charley Morris is the same old [illegible] that
[illegible] as well as Harry Hare before this time. George will send you a copy of my thesis for [illegible]
you choose for yourself. I won't insist on your reading it as you may find it rather a bore man [illegible]
I am getting along well on the whole in chemistry and hope to do something in it some day or other. I don't see
what is to prevent your going abroad at some time hereafter, especially if you go to improve yourself in your profession
did not Edw Eustis do the same after leaving West Point? You must furbish up your French to a perfect polish
however before you start. I have felt the want of it very often. There is a prodigious difference between reading & speaking
a foreign language and I have had no opportunities to learn to speak French. Did George send you up some
books which I laid aside for you? If not, ask him for them, they may help you materially. Let me hear from
you when they neat write from home and by all means do yourself more justice neat winter at the point.
I congratulate you on your lieutenancy and additional chevrons. Yours W.

Per British Mail Steamer of 4th August.



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I again — I find that I have forgotten to mention some few things. Newspapers sent by the way of Havre will cost
me about 20 cts each. I should like to have once in a while if it contains anything specially interesting otherwise it
would not be worth while. remember me to Beekman, Charley Morris & Carson. When is C to be married. I suppose not for some
months. When you see Robert Hare, intimate to him that he owes me a basket of Champagne which he had the
rashness to bet against his own getting married before myself! When you send the box let me have the last
U.S. Almanac and 2 copies of Davis' Manual of Electro-magnetism you will find one at home and Edw will
procure another. I wish to give one to a distinguished Professor here. I saw yesterday a copy of the proceedings
of the New York ethnological society in the royal library. this is down well. When shall you bring out
another volume of historical collections? For Mercy's sake find out something about a certain Mr de Romer or
some such name from this city who is making a scientific tour in America. Everyone pesters me to know
whether I have heard anything of him. I gave you an account of my money affairs in my last. Give love
to all the unmentioned but not forgotten of the family & write soon & often — W.